

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph starting on page 15, line 5, has been amended in the following manner:

When the disk drive 10 is not in operation, the actuator arm assembly 26 is pivoted to a "parked position" to dispose each slider 42 typically at least generally at or beyond a perimeter of its corresponding data storage disk 18, but in any case in vertically spaced relation to its corresponding disk 18. This is commonly referred to in the art as being a dynamic load/unload disk drive configuration. In this regard, the disk drive 10 includes a ramp assembly 78 that is disposed beyond a perimeter of the data storage disk (18) to typically both move the corresponding slider 42 vertically away from its corresponding data storage disk 18 and to also exert somewhat of a retaining force on the actuator arm assembly 26. Any configuration for the ramp assembly 78 that provides the desired "parking" function may be utilized. The disk drive 10 could also be configured to be of the contact start/stop type, where the actuator arm assembly 26 would pivot in a direction to dispose the slider(s) 42 typically toward an inner, non-data storage region of the corresponding data storage disk 18. Terminating the rotation of the data storage disk(s) 18 in this type of disk drive configuration would then result in the slider(s) 42 actually establishing contact with or "landing" on their corresponding data storage disk 18, and the slider 42 would remain on the disk 18 until disk drive operations are re-initiated. In either configuration, it may be desirable to at least attempt to retain the actuator arm assembly 30 in this parked position if the disk drive 10 is exposed to a shock event. In this regard, the disk drive 10 includes an actuator arm assembly latch 74 that moves from a non-latching position to a latching position to engage the actuator arm assembly 26 so as to preclude the same from pivoting in a direction which would tend to drag the slider(s) 42 across their corresponding data storage disk 18.